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Henry Cat enjoys a drive through the country with Milton Mouse as his steed. In fisherman fashion, Henry holds the cheese bait before Milton's nose to keep him running. But, when Milton sees cute little Mary Mouse beckoning him, he forgets his job entirely. Jumping out of the traces, he darts toward Mary and sends Henry upon his head. The Cat sees that it is no use to try to get Milton back, so he meanders along. No sooner does he rest beneath a tree than two birds bill and coo with great elation, on the branch above. Then, Fritz Frog comes out of a nearby pool and his sweetheart joins him for a swim. Romance seems to surround our Henry. With light heart Henry goes down the road, but suddenly halts before a billboard announcing the performance of Mlle. Kittie, the toe dancer at the Palace Theatre. It is a case of love at first sight. Henry's imagination works wonderfully and he sees Mlle. Kittie flirt with him and then jump down from the board and greet him. He soon finds that it is not true. He decides to visit a fortune teller and learn his fate. She tells him that he is in love and that he will marry the girl of his choice. So he hies off to the theatre and buys a front box seat. The Seal Sisters in their dance act fail to interest Henry and the pianologue of Joe Ringtail enrages him. The third act on the bill is Mlle. Kittie. As soon as the card announces her, Henry starts to applaud and shout. Dan Donkey sitting in an upper box, silences him with a few well directed brick-bats. Mlle. Kittie receives a great ovation and from gallery to orchestra we see the clapping of hands. Hypnotized by his admiration and love for Mlle. Kittie, Henry rushes upon the stage. A husky stage hand soon thrusts him back in his seat. After three attempts to dance with Kittie, Henry decides to "say it with flowers" and hurls a big bouquet to the little star. As soon as the curtain falls on the act, Henry scampers to the stage door to await Kittie. He hides in an ash barrel. Kittie comes out accompanied by a handsomely dressed Cat Gentleman. Henry follows them as they walk into the country. The escort suddenly turns upon Mlle. Kittie and after choking her, steals her jewels. Henry jumps from his hiding place and thrashes the robber. Then, he picks up the prostrate Kittie and carries her to her home. As they bid adieu, outside her gate, Henry declares his love, Kittie replies that that is just what her first husband said. Hearing their mother's voice a score of kittens rush out to greet her. Henry is thunderstruck and makes a hasty exit. His romance is blown to smithereens.

Moral: Anticipation Is Greater Than Realization.

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